

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

2. Authority:

This charter renews the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App § 9 (c). The NACEPT is in the public interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

NACEPT's scope involves advising the EPA Administrator on broad, crosscutting issues associated with EPA's environmental management on matters relating to activities, and functions under the Federal environmental statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. NACEPT advises on ways to improve the development and implementation of domestic and international environmental management policies, programs, and technologies.

The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on:

- a. Identifying approaches to improve the development and implementation of domestic and international environmental management policies and programs;
- b. Providing guidance on how EPA can most efficiently and effectively implement innovative approaches throughout the Agency and its programs;
- c. Identifying approaches to enhance information and technology planning;
- d. Fostering improved approaches to environmental management in the fields of economics, finance, and technology;
- e. Increasing communication and understanding among all levels of government, business, non-governmental organizations, and academia, with the goal of increasing non-federal resources and improving the effectiveness of federal and non-federal resources directed at solving environmental problems;
- f. Implementing statutes, executive orders and regulations; and

g. Reviewing progress in implementing statutes, executive orders and regulations.

4. Description of Committees Duties:

The duties of the NACEPT are solely advisory in nature.

5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports:

NACEPT will submit advice and recommendations and report to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, through the Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support:

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Work Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the NACEPT is \$1,200,000 which includes 10.5 work-years of support.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The NACEPT expects to meet approximately four (4) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately every three (3) months or as needed and approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate. A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the DFO. The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it to be in the public interest to do so.

Among other things, FACA requires open meetings and an opportunity for interested persons to file comments before or after such meetings, or to make statements to the extent that time permits.

9. Duration and Termination:

NACEPT will be examined annually and will exist until the EPA Deputy Administrator determines the committee is no longer needed. This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After the initial two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

10. Member Composition:

The NACEPT will be composed of approximately thirty (35) members. Most members will serve as representatives of non-Federal interests. Members will be selected from among, but are not limited to, independent experts drawn from all levels of government, including elected officials; the finance, banking, and legal communities; business and industry; and national, local, and grass-roots organizations.

11. Subgroups:

EPA may form NACEPT subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the Agency.

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